



COMING EVENTS

TERM 1

WEEK 9

Friday 25 March Come and Try Athletics— Support Classes

Final day for Book Club Orders

WEEK 10

Wednesday 30 March School Photo Day



WEEK 11

Wednesday 6 April K-6 School Athletics Carnival—Mingara

Friday 8 April Last Day of Term 1

TERM 2

Wednesday 27 April 1st day of Term 2

Life Education Week





Valley View Public School

Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best

HARMONY DAY



























PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Flood Support

Over the past few weeks, it has been hard to watch the flood emergencies up and down the East Coast of NSW. There have been a large number of school communities impacted significantly by the devastation of the floods, and a return to 'normal' school life is looking like it will take months.

The NSW Primary Principals' Association are looking to connect schools from across the state with those impacted by the floods and I have asked for our school to be involved. In the coming weeks we will look to connect with this school community and organise an event / fundraiser to raise much needed funds for resources that the school and the students can utilise.

Further information will be supplied shortly once plans have been discussed and finalised with our Leadership Team.

Harmony Day/National Day of Action Against Bullying

We had a fantastic day last Friday recognising the value and importance of both celebrating our cultural diversity and being kind to each other. We had a huge number of students come to school either in cultural dress or in orange clothing and we were able to participate in a wonderful assembly ran beautifully by our school leaders.

I would like to thank Mr Wootton for organising the day and to the teachers for supporting the day in their classrooms. I'd also like to thank Bec and her amazing team of volunteers in the canteen for getting out a whooping 250+ lunch orders – what an incredible effort!

School Photos

Our school photo day will be Wednesday 30th March. Please ensure all students come to school in their full school uniform and are at school on time. Photo envelopes were sent home last week and can be returned to school before or on the day of photos. Thanks to Mrs Horncastle for organising this.

Sydney North Swimming

Our Zone Swimming swim team went down to Olympic Park last week to compete in the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. What a fantastic opportunity to swim in the same pool as Olympic swimmers. A special mention to Lachlan D who was incredibly close to making it to the NSW State Championships! Well done everyone, you've certainly made Valley View proud!

P&C AGM

The postponed P&C AGM will be held tonight in the school library from 7pm. Being a part of the P&C is a wonderful way to be a part of the school community and we would love to see new faces there.

COVID Reporting

A reminder that if a student receives a positive RAT test, they need to:

record the positive RAT result through the <u>Service NSW website</u> or <u>Service NSW app</u> – and add details of the child's school or early childhood education centre, notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible, follow <u>NSW Health advice</u> to isolate for 7 days. This is a requirement of the Public Health Order. It will connect you to support as well as helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in schools and address any public health issues if required.

Attendance

Just a reminder that we are continuing to send out letters to families regarding attendance. We have a large number of students whose attendance is below 75% and a continuing large number of students arriving to school late. Setting regular morning routines will help students come to school on time and set them up for a productive day. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

School Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival will be held at Mingara on Wednesday 6 April. Please return permission notes and lunch orders as soon as possible.



Kirsty Squires
Principal



BRISBANE WATER PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS

We can finally announce the exciting news from the Brisbane Water PSSA swimming carnival, which was held on Friday 4th March! At the recent primary assembly, the awards were given out to those students who placed on the day. Well done to all of these students:

Lachlan D 1st 8yrs boys 50m freestyle 2nd 8yrs boys 50m freestyle Lachlan O 1st 10yrs girls 50m freestyle Charlotte D 1st Junior girls 50m breaststroke 1st Junior girls 50m butterfly 1st Junior girls 200m individual medley 2nd Junior girls 50m backstroke 3rd 10yrs boys 50m freestyle Callum O 1st 12yrs girls 50m freestyle Ava H 1st Open girls 100m freestyle 1st Senior girls 50m backstroke

1st Senior girls 50m butterfly 1st Senior girls 200m individual medley

3rd Senior girls 50m breaststroke
 Lacey M
 Annika M
 Zeke A
 Charli A
 3rd 12yrs girls 50m freestyle
 1st Junior girls 50m breaststroke
 Senior boys 50m backstroke
 3rd 11yrs girls 50m butterfly



- ◆ Ella H, Emma S, Lucy A & Charlotte D 2nd Junior girls relay
- Callum O, Lachlan D, Lachlan O & Finn A 2nd Junior boys relay
- Lacey M, Charli A, Annika M & Ava H 1st Senior girls relay

An extra special mention must be given to these students, who were awarded BWPSSA Age Champions for 2022:

- ♦ Charlotte D Junior Girls Age Champion
- ♦ Ava H Senior Girls Age Champion

We also had another VERY EXCITING announcement... For the first time EVER in Valley View Public School history, we took our Champion School of the Meet! An incredibly huge honour to our swimmers and our school! Valley View are the Champion School for the Brisbane Water Swimming Carnival 2022, and we are SO excited to share this news with you!

Well done Valley View, we are SO proud of you!

Mrs Harpur & Mrs Hollingsworth





SYDNEY NORTH PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday, we had 12 students represent our school, and the Brisbane Water Zone, at the Sydney North PSSA Swimming Carnival. The event was held at Sydney Olympic Pool. All swimmers did an amazing job, smashing their PB's and even making finals - well done Lachlan D!

The jump in ability from the Brisbane Water zone, to the Sydney North zone is huge, so to even make it that far is just amazing!! You can all now say you've swam in an Olympic Pool!

We are so proud of all of you - Lachlan D, Lachlan O, Charlotte D, Ella H, Lucy A, Emma S, Finn A, Callum O, Ava H, Lacey M, Charli A & Ivy H. Congratulations again.







ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Teachers have been working with students and families to create personalised learning and support plans for our Aboriginal students. Our school representatives attended our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) meeting with other local schools and we look forward to participating in some exciting projects together during Term 2. Fingers crossed current departmental guidelines continue to ease and we can once again meet across school groups. The AECG has also asked if we have any interested Aboriginal parents who would be interested in joining the AECG. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Kellie McCabe via the front office to find out more.

Our Year 6 shirts look great with the Aboriginal design. This is the first time our Year 6 shirts have incorporated an indigenous theme and we think they look great.

We look forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week in July. The theme for this year's celebration is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! The Aboriginal Education Team will aim to review our Acknowledgement to Country to make it more relevant to our school content.



Many thanks, Mrs McCabe



2HM NEWSLETTER

In 2HM on Tuesday and Friday we get the laptops to use in our classroom. We are learning new things every week. If we don't know, we ask and we share our knowledge. That way we are all learning together! This year we have learnt how to copy and paste, how to insert images from the internet and change the colour, size and style of writing.

- "I can use google slides". Amelia
- "I know how to change the size of text and insert a picture". Liam
- "I have made a google slide presentation on materials". Lachlan
- "I like playing games in Maths. We use SplashLearn". Ayla
- "I know how to insert and change the size of shapes". Faith and Olivia.
- "I know how to add slides"! Finn
- "I know how to do google slideshows". Adam
- "I know how to delete the things I don't want". Preston













5/6H NEWSLETTER

In 5/6S, students have been working hard to create their best work. Here are just a few creations that have been accomplished...

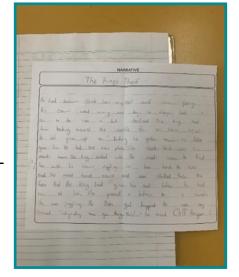


Self portrait

My favourite artwork we did this term is a self-portrait. We started drawing ourselves as half of the portrait and on the other side we drew things we like. I did a pumpkin on the shirt to show that I like Halloween and drew a sunset at the beach because I like watching sunsets. I love swimming so I drew the water. It was very fun to complete. -Ivy H

Big write

During this term, we started completing a Big Write each week. I decided to write about a girl in red getting chased, then being shrunk by a wizard.- *Megan R*





Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics was in Beijing, China. There were lots of athletes for example Kathryn Parker performing alpine skiing, Scotty James doing snowboarding as well as Tess Coady. Some of the countries that competed in the Olympics were Australia, New Zealand, China, Austria, Canada, Finland and Switzerland just to name a few.-Laila W and Hayden W





VVPS Environment Club 2022!

Environment clubs help achieve meaningful change within our school communities. They can also inspire, motivate and give students opportunities to build leadership skills. This term Valley View Public school commenced their 2022 environment club. Approximately 26 eco-warriors from years 3 - 6 have met for the first time this year to establish our team. In our early meetings, we sat together and discussed our concerns and priorities to make our first steps towards a sustainable school. Next, we created a plan and some small achievable goals that would have a big impact. The students first priority was recycling. To address this we looked at immediate steps we could take to improve recycling at Valley View Public School.

The first initiative that we have put in place is the return of the 'Wonder Rewards' program and we look forward to collecting bread bags of all varieties and plastic tags to send off for recycling. We are aiming to collect at least 25 kg of soft plastic through this initiative.

We also plan to introduce the 'Curby' program to recycle our soft plastics and reduce what is being sent to landfill. B-cycling will create a responsible battery lifecycle in our school – from buying better batteries for the planet, to safe use, and convenient recycling. We will continue to collect and recycle plastic bottles, up and go cartons and poppers which will also raise funds for our Year 6 students end of year celebrations. The students are also very keen to commence composting. Composting is one of many environmentally friendly ideas that can also save our school money. By composting our schools organic waste we can cut back on garbage disposal bills while helping the earth.

In the coming weeks, students from the environment club will visit classrooms during eating time. Each day they will collect food scraps for composting as well as plastic bottles, foil and soft plastics for recycling. We are very excited to take these first small steps of action and can't wait to share updates with you all throughout the year.

Miss Betteridge and the VVPS Recycling Champions!





P&C NEWS

Unfortunately, the AGM for the Valley View P&C was rescheduled due to concerns about the wild weather being experienced.

The AGM will now be held after the March general meeting on

Tuesday 22nd March

at 7pm in the school Library

The P&C executive roles to be filled are:

- President
- Vice President Fundraising
- Vice President Ad Hoc
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Additional roles include:

- Grants Officer
- Uniform Shop Coordinator

We want to welcome and encourage our Valley View community to get involved, contribute your skills and fresh ideas to make the Valley View P&C more innovative & dynamic in this new year.

There is also the opportunity to participate in working groups to plan fundraising events or alternatively just helping out on the day of events in any way you can. Any contribution you may have to offer is massively appreciated!

Please know that we, as parents ourselves, appreciate and understand that not everyone can make an ongoing time commitment, however becoming a financial member simply means that you have the ability to vote on motions and get involved in events and does not obligate you to attend regular meetings or volunteer your time unless you are able.

To become a financial member, the fee for 1 year is only \$1 and can be paid via a bank transfer and you can get those details from secretaryvvpc@gmail.com this fee must be paid before the AGM and if you have missed Mel at the gates it can be paid at the regular meeting before the AGM.

We look forward to meeting you all at our AGM and encourage you to come along to become involved in the Valley View community.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has returned raffle tickets or donated easter goodies!

We have had a wonderful response and it is shaping up to be a great raffle. We have loads of beautiful chocolate but very few things to put them in, so if you are in doubt, please help us by donating baskets and decorative boxes. The last day to submit raffle tickets and donations is on Friday the 1st of April

Valley View Community Business Directory

It is not too late to advertise your business and we encourage anyone in the Valley View community who own a local business to get on board with this initiative to promote themselves with free advertising and potentially expand your reach to a local customer base.

You can still register your business in the Valley View Community Business Directory by sending our Treasurer, Mel Williams, your details treasurervvpc@gmail.com

Uniform shop

The Uniform shop is now officially open to all parents! Opening hours are 8:30 – 9am every Friday. For your convenience we do encourage the use of the online ordering system on the link below

http://www.valleyviewpandc.org.au/

Orders are distributed every Friday directly to your child's classroom - please include your child's full name and class in the notes section of the order form.

Contact us

Email: secretaryvvpc@gmail.com

Uniform shop: www.valleyviewpandc.org.au

Facebook: P&C Association for Valley View Public School



Valley View Public School P&C Easter Raffle 2022 Drawn Wednesday 6th April

The P&C is dedicated to raising funds to assist the school in upgrading their technology, as the COVID-19 pandemic and its affects continue to impact the lives of our children and their education.

Donations of Easter eggs (nut free please), baskets or any Easter related items would be greatly appreciated and will enable us to create Easter baskets for you or your family to win!

All of these amazing items can be taken directly to the office.

Raffle tickets will be handed out to all students to be sold. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5 and come in books of 10.

Please return all raffle tickets & money in a labelled sealed envelope or zip lock bag to the front office by Friday 1st April.





VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Do you want free local advertising?

Are you or your family involved in or owners of a local business?

Valley View P&C are setting up a Community Business Directory and we want you and your local business to take part.

Whether you are a parent or caregiver, aunt or uncle, grandparent or godparent, we want to help you advertise your local business.

Please send through your details (a business card and/or your logo & small blurb) to: treasurervvpc@gmail.com

COVID19 and lockdowns have hit all our small businesses hard in the last 2 years. We want to help our community shop local, stay local.





Uniform shop

Open for business

In compliance with current COVID-19 restrictions, the Uniform Shop is open for **online orders only**.

Orders are filled weekly on Friday mornings and distributed directly to your child's classroom. Please include your child's full name and class in the notes section.

Online shop: www.valleyviewpandc.org.au/shop

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PARENT TRANSPORT

If you are intending to transport students other than your own child to and from a school event, the following paper work needs to be into the office at least 3 working days before the event

- Copy of vehicle registration papers
- Copy of licence
- Copy of car insurance
- Working with Children's Check
- Appendix 5 with 100 points of ID



Without this paperwork you will not be permitted to transport other students in your car

THIS IS A LEGAL DEPARTMENT POLICY



CANTEEN NEWS

WELCOME TO WEEK 9!

Thank you to all the student who ordered Harmony Day lunch orders. We had a great day! It was lovely to see the kids sitting outside and enjoying their picnic lunches.

A HUGE thank you to my amazing canteen volunteers - the week was action packed and we managed to serve 250 lunch orders. A new record!! Thank you for all your hard work.



Dates for the Diary

Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 6th April 2022 (Week 11)

Keep an eye out for the Athletic Carnival lunch order.

These lunch orders need to be in by Monday 4th April. All lunches need to be pre-ordered.

K-2 - Easter Hat Parade (week 11)

On Thursday 7th April - K to 2 will have their easter hat parade. On that day the canteen will be serving special easter treats and Hot Cross buns.

If you would like to help in the canteen next term please msg Bec 0438 283165. We would love to meet you.



Rebecca Van Drempt Canteen Supervisor









At Bupa Dental Erina, we want to make it easier for your kids to access preventative dental care.

If you are a Bupa customer with selected combined Hospital and Extras family cover with general dental, you'll pay nothing for your kids' regular dental check-ups and other preventative services, up to yearly limits. Subject to waiting periods, fund and policy rules. Child dependants only."For full T&Cs, read https://www.bupadental.com.au/no-gap-dental)

Book online today (LINK: https://www.centaurportal.com/d4w/org-27/extended_search?location=274&sourceID=&randomNumber=c06e512046c885139f953c667755e 12e8c777e15d1e917f82f1766ab1cb624ed&shortVer=true)

Learn more about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Call our friendly team at 02 4367 7500 to discuss whether your kids are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). The CDBS is a Government initiative that covers up to \$1000 worth of basic dental services over 2 years to help prevent and treat dental diseases. For full T&Cs read https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule





Download Instructions:

For Apple Users

- From your iPhone/iPad, open the Apple App Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- 2. Download the free SkoolBag app.
- 3. Open the app, add your school and you're ready to go!

Google/Android Users

- 1. From your Android device, ensure you have an account in the Google Play Store.
- 2. Open the Google Play Store and search for "SkoolBag".
- 3. Download the free SkoolBag app.
- 4. Open the app, add your school and you're ready to go.

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House envelopes went home last week. Thank you to the families that have donated to this worthy cause. Please remember to fill in the back of the envelope for your chance to win a \$4,000 holiday/gift voucher. Last day for envelopes to be returned is Friday 20 May, 2022.



Notes issued this fortnight:

2022 K-6 School Athletics Carnival - Whole School

School Leaders Code of Conduct—School Leaders

School House Captains Code of Conduct—House Captains

Acceptance Letter—Senior Dance Group—Selected Students

School Photos 2022 - Whole School

2022 Easter Hat Parade—K-2 Students

2022 Operation Art- Whole School

Life Education Visit—Whole School



All notes are now on the school website at valleyview-schools.nsw.edu.au and on the App

